



2 breakwaters

650,000 tonnes of rock required

Early 2024 dredging expected to occur

A visualisation shows what's planned for Bunbury's Waterfront. The breakwaters will be delivered by the State Government through Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront, while the proposed western breakwater is planned to be delivered by the Koombana Bay Sailing Club.

### About the Project

The State Government is breathing new life into Bunbury's Waterfront. The multi-stage project delivers on the vision to create thriving waterfront destinations for locals and visitors, while unlocking new opportunities for business and industry.

Stimulating the economy through boosting the tourism and marine sectors forms an important outcome of this project that helps to further Bunbury's status as Western Australia's second city.

Benefits have so far included improved public amenity, a waterfront that is better connected to the city centre, and the creation of jobs during construction and operation.

### First look at future waterfront

Visualisations released for planned third stage of transformational project

New visualisations provide insight into the way in which Bunbury's waterfront is expected to transform in the future.

The above concept image offers a glimpse into how Koombana Bay and Casuarina Boat Harbour might evolve through Stage 3 – Phase 1 of Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront.

New breakwaters are expected to further unlock the potential of the city by providing sheltered water to support the development of the marine industry. Serviced leased sites would provide areas for commercial activities such as boat lifting, boat servicing and boat storage. This stage will also incorporate long-term assets for the community to enjoy.

Construction of the breakwaters is anticipated to begin in 2024, following environmental approval. The South West Development Commission and Department of Transport are working closely with partner agencies on this stage of the project.

A State Government project



## Transformations

Incredible transformations have taken place along Bunbury's Waterfront. With the city positioned to take another amazing leap forward through Stage 3—Phase 1, we take a look back at some of the transformations.

### Stage 1



#### Dolphin Discovery Centre Upgrade and Expansion

A must-see when visiting Bunbury, the Dolphin Discovery Centre offers a refreshed tourist experience incorporating aquariums, interactive exhibits, a children's activity centre, a 360-degree digital dolphinarium and café. Visitors can enjoy a close encounter with friendly wild dolphins at the beach interaction zone and take a dolphin eco cruise or swim tour.

#### Koombana Foreshore Revitalisation

A children's playground, picnic areas, pedestrian promenade, kiosk and amphitheatre are some of the standout features of the revitalised foreshore. A new footbridge that lights up at night better connects the waterfront with the central business district, while creating a new city landmark.



### Stage 2



#### Jetty Road Causeway Upgrade

This two-year project involved major repairs to the causeway with an additional 31,000 tonnes of rock placed to strengthen the structure. Outcomes included the reconstructing of Jetty Road, the addition of a penholder facility and public toilets, 164 new car parking bays, improvements to utilities and the introduction of shared paths.

#### Casuarina Drive Redevelopment – Jetty Baths Park

Jetty Baths Park has long been a popular picnic spot for families. Through the renewal project, the appeal of the foreshore has been increased for today's residents and visitors. New contemporary features include a new waterfront promenade with an improved beach, accessible playground, pathways, landscaped areas and seating, as well as picnic and barbecue facilities.



Bunbury's transformed waterfront is buzzing with activity. Locals and visitors are making use of the enhanced foreshore, with community groups and events activating each transformed precinct.

## Boating community look forward to new boat ramp facility

The countdown is on to the completion of works on the new launching facility at Casuarina Boat Harbour.

Among those giving the thumbs up to the Casuarina Boat Ramp improvement project is Carlo Lotti, owner of local boat dealer Bluewater Marine.

"I reckon it will be spot on," Mr Lotti said.

"It will be perfect."

The State Government is spending a total of \$1.1 million modernising the Department of Transport facility with a wider floating jetty and two-lane ramp designed to better accommodate large trailers and wide vessels.

Used for both commercial and recreational craft, the Casuarina launch ramp is one of the busiest in Bunbury with thousands of launches each year.

Additional work to upgrade the boat ramp parking facilities is planned for 2023.



Bluewater Marine owner Carlo Lotti and Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront program director Ashley Clements from the South West Development Commission check out the works.



**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT**

**Stage One - Complete**

- 1 Koombana Foreshore Revitalisation
- 2 Dolphin Discovery Centre Redevelopment

**Stage Two - Under Transformation**

- 3 Jetty Road Causeway Upgrade - complete
- 4 Casuarina Drive Redevelopment

**Stage Three - Phase 1 - Planning in Progress**

- 5 Construction of new breakwaters, delivery of key marine infrastructure and marine servicing facilities, as well as new boat pens and upgrading existing boat launching facilities

**Additional Notes**

- 6 Accessible community fishing platform
- 7 Proposed multi-club facility funded through private investment

**Got a question?**

Delivering the Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront project is a multi-agency effort, overseen by the South West Development Commission.

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